

Public Law 103-74
103d Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating September 9, 1993, and April 21, 1994, each as "National D.A.R.E. Day".

Aug. 11, 1993
[S.J. Res. 99]

Whereas Drug Abuse Resistance Education (in this joint resolution referred to as "D.A.R.E.") is the largest and most effective drug-use prevention education program in the United States, and is now taught to 25,000,000 youths in grades K-12;

Whereas D.A.R.E. is taught in more than 250,000 classrooms reaching all 50 States, Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Canada, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Costa Rica, Mexico, Brazil, Hungary, and Department of Defense Dependent Schools worldwide;

Whereas the D.A.R.E. core curriculum, developed by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District, helps prevent substance abuse among school-age children by providing students with accurate information about alcohol and drugs, teaching students decision-making skills, educating students about the consequences of certain behaviors, and building students' self-esteem while teaching them how to resist peer pressure;

Whereas D.A.R.E. provides parents with information and guidance to further the development of their children and reinforce the decisions of their children to lead drug-free lives;

Whereas D.A.R.E. is taught by street-wise veteran police officers with years of direct experience with people whose lives were ruined by substance abuse, giving them unmatched credibility;

Whereas each police officer who teaches D.A.R.E. completes 80 hours of specialized training in areas such as child development, classroom management, teaching techniques, and communication skills;

Whereas independent research has found that D.A.R.E. substantially impacts students' attitudes toward substance use, contributes to improved study habits, higher grades, decreased vandalism and gang activity, and generates greater respect for police officers; and

Whereas 1993 marks the 10th year that D.A.R.E. has provided students with the skills they will need as young adults to resist the temptations of drug abuse: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That September 9, 1993, and April 21, 1994, are each designated as "National

D.A.R.E. Day", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such days with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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